

GUIDANCE NEWSLETTER

Junior/Senior
Winslow High School Fall 2009
Check our website frequently!
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College Applications (Winslow Style)

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Winslow Schools & AOS 92 have adopted a new school information system called Infinite Campus. It is planned that the parent-student portal will open in December.

Parents will notice some differences in the format of student grade & attendance reports.

If you are a senior here at WHS and plan to attend college next year, we recommend that you get those college applications out by mid-December. Most applications include these pieces.

- The Application Itself
- An Essay
- Payment
- Letter(s) of Recommendation
- Official H.S. Transcript
- WHS Profile brochure

When you are ready, you can send out the first three items. Then come into the Guidance Office and let Mrs. Carey know where you are

applying. She will send the last three items to the college(s) of your choice.

REMEMBER:

Make an appointment with your Guidance Counselor for a Senior Interview.

Ask three teachers to fill out Teacher Evaluation Forms. Ask them to return the completed forms to Guidance.

Keep your grades up ALL YEAR! Colleges ask for a copy of your midyear grades and your final grades!

Pay attention to deadlines. Call the College Admissions Office to be sure they have received all the needed information.



If you plan on mailing out applications in December, keep in mind that it is a short month. Ask us at least two weeks before we leave for Christmas break to send out your transcript, letter, and school profile.

Once this is done, sit back and wait for those acceptance letters!

WHERE TO FIND MONEY FOR COLLEGE

CHECK THE WHS SCHOLARSHIP DIRECTORY!!

This can be found in the Guidance Office, WHS Library, and at www.winslowk12.org

Did you know that \$64,000 was awarded to the Class of 2009 at Class Night in June?

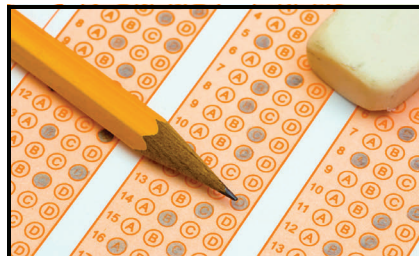
Look to see which scholarships you may qualify for and start applying now!

ALL JUNIORS TOOK THE OCTOBER 14TH PSAT'S

On Wednesday, October 14, all Juniors at WHS took the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test (PSAT) - for FREE! The PSAT is great practice for the SAT Reasoning Test—used by many colleges to gauge student academic progress. Juniors may qualify for National Merit Scholarships. All students will receive comprehensive feedback with their test results, which are usually distributed in December.

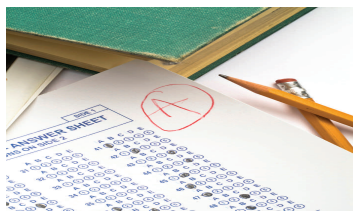
Each student will receive scores in Critical Reading, Math Reasoning and Writing, and will see how their scores compare to those of other juniors across the country. So why did the State of Maine pick up the cost of the PSAT for juniors? First of all, the test really is excellent practice for the SAT, and the state now requires that ALL juniors in the state take the SAT. The State of Maine is using the results to measure progress in lieu of the old MEA tests.

At the same time, students benefit because in most cases they can use the scores for college applications. It's a WIN-WIN situation!



SAT PREP COURSE

All high school students in Maine now have access to CollegeBoard's Official SAT Online Course, thanks to the Maine Department of Education. Please be sure to see your school counselor for an access code.



JUNIORS TO TOUR COLLEGES NOV. 17TH

On Tuesday, November 17th, all juniors will be touring one of three colleges for the day. Students have a choice of visiting Eastern Maine Community College, Husson University or the University of Maine at Orono.

These tours are possible due to Winslow's MELMAC grant.

The goals of the MELMAC grant are to help more Maine high school students to go onto college and to help more college students persist to a timely graduation.

“College is defined as any post-secondary educational opportunity which provides credentialing such as military, certificate and 2 or 4 yr. colleges.”

FINANCIAL AID 101

Applying for financial aid is separate from applying to college. There's the “getting in” process and the “paying for it” process. Both are important.

ALL financial aid starts with the Free Application for Federal Student Aid aka the FAFSA. Since the FAFSA is based on the prior year's income for both student and parent(s) you **CAN NOT** send it in before **January 1**.

But you should try to submit it as soon after the first of the year as possible. To file online, which is preferred, go to www.fafsa.ed.gov Worksheets are available online.

Some schools require additional financial aid forms. Check with the colleges on your list to see what they need.

Scholarship information is also available in the Guidance Office. The more



local the scholarship the better chance you have of getting it. Most scholarship applications aren't due until February or so.